

**SOUTH DAKOTA
FALLEN HERO**



*Your
Memory
lives on in
our hearts.*



*In Loving Memory
SSG Zachary Tomczak*



Huron, SD

US Army

9-11-1983 to 9-25-2007

Iraq

MESSAGE FROM ZAC'S BROTHER, NATHAN -

I don't want this to be another letter about his life, I just want it to be a letter about what I feel. My brother was very special to me. He was a role model, a brother, a friend, and very strong individual. I looked up to him all of my life with him and thought about him every day. It is very hard to write about him even today, it never gets any easier to talk, write, or even think about him. I am writing this letter today so that you see he is more than one picture, one life. I am hoping that you read this portion of my family's letter and think of us and all of the other families and loved ones behind the faces in the pictures. That is my input in this letter describing my brother.

*Sincerely,
Nathan Tomczak*

MESSAGE FROM ZAC'S SISTER, TATUM -

Every parent has a dream of what they would like their kids to be. Most parents would like their children to succeed and be great at what they do. My brother, Zachary Blaise Tomczak, fit in to all of those categories. Zac was a successful Army Ranger; he was 24 and was doing what he had loved to do. He didn't want to do anything else in his life. But on September 25, 2007 his life had ended during a small arms fire in Iraq. Zac graduated from Huron High School in 2002, he was also a very successful student. He loved to paintball and hunt with his friends and family. Most of the time you would have witness Zac spending most of his time on his "toys"; consisting from his paintball gun to his racing 4-wheeler. He lived a great life and did a great honor for our country. Zac will be missed. Love and miss you Zac.

Tatum Tomczak (sister)

MESSAGE FROM ZAC'S DAD, BLAISE -

There's not a day that goes by that I don't think about my son Zac. The thoughts that I have are mostly about happy memories. The last time I saw my son was when he graduated from Ranger School in June 2007 at Fort Benning, GA. My youngest son and I were able to spend about four days with him before he left for Iraq. What stood out the most about the time we were there is how proud he was. Zac took us out four-wheeling for a day, showed us around Fort Bragg and cooked us a big meal. We also partied hardy with buddies of his. It was a great time and something I'll cherish my entire life. I last talked to Zac September 11, 2007, (his birthday). I was so happy to hear from him that day. We didn't have long to talk but any time no matter how short, I would take. Our conversations always ended with telling each other "I love you". I feel that Zac is around us all the time. He's missed greatly.

Blaise Tomczak (father)

MESSAGE FROM ZAC'S SISTER, SIERA -

Zac is the kind of person you could look up to. He had a great sense of humor, you could trust him and he was really practical. I always enjoyed listening to his favorite band Metallica with him. Every time I hear them play on the radio I think of Zac. I think the way Zac was in life, filtered through on how he was as a soldier, and being a soldier was always something he wanted to do. We all love you Zac.

Siera (sister)

